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LBJ in Huddle on Boost In Advisers to S. Viet

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Washington, July 13 (NEWS Bureau)—President Johnson and Defense Secretary Robert McNamara huddled today over plans to increase substantially the number of U.S. military and civilian advisers in war-torn South Viet Nam.

The U.S. has 300 civilians and a 16,000-man military complement in the Southeast Asian hot spot.

The beefed-up military and civilian advisory contingent will work with the Viet Nameese armed forces on the lower levels and carry out development programs in rural districts.

The hour-long Johnson-McNamara meeting followed release of a statement by William P. Bundy, assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, warning

Red China and Communist North Viet Nam of the possible consequences of continuing their open support of the Viet Cong guerrillas.

Bundy, in a recorded interview for the French Broadcasting Corp., said the U.S. has been studying carefully how direct action might be taken against North Viet Nam to save South Viet Nam from Red domination. He hinted at the possibility of U.S. air strikes or a naval blockade.

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